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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-1087-X
Grenada Railway LLC
Petition for Abandonment Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing in opposition to the application filed by Grenada Railway LLC ("GRYR") for abandonment of the railroad line between milepost 622.5 near Grenada, Mississippi, and milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi, a distance of 81.3 miles in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, and Madison Counties, MS.

Our company uses the Grenada Railway LLC line to receive agricultural products (such as agricultural lime) which are, in turn, distributed to the row crop farmers in the Attala, Holmes, Madison, and Yazoo County areas. Needless to say, the ability of our company to receive these materials by railcar is extremely important as the freight to have these materials hauled by truck will greatly increase the cost to our company and ultimately the end user.

Tri-County Cooperative (AAL) has been pulling lime, and other fertilizer products, through the railroad for many years. However, we have never had to deal with the outrageous fees and poor service that we have received through Grenada Railway LLC when we were dealing with other rail companies such as CN. Immediately upon taking over the rail, Grenada Railway LLC proceeded to charge outlandish demurrage fees and deliver less than adequate service. It is quite obvious that pleasing the customer is not company policy with Grenada Railway LLC. They were famous for dropping railcars on Friday evening after working hours and charging fees when the cars were not empty by Sunday evening – a problem that we never experienced with CN. It seems as if the company has actually been trying to eliminate small business transactions on the rail with the fees they have been charging and the service they have been providing.

As stated previously, Tri-County Cooperative (AAL) needs to keep rail service in order to supply multiple counties with agricultural products necessary for row crop farming.

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Abandonment of this rail would definitely cause economic downfall within the area in general, not just within our small business. We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



George T. Wynne, Board President
Tri-County Cooperative (AAL)

I, George T. Wynne, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this letter.


George T. Wynne, Board President

10/25/2011
Date

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET AB-1087-X**

I have served all parties of record listed on the attachment hereto by first class mail, facsimile or e-mail.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George J. Wynne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," text. The signature is fluid and appears to be a personal or professional signature.

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